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**Lung ventilators —**

**Part 4:  
Particular requirements for user-  
powered resuscitators**

*Ventilateurs pulmonaires —*

*Partie 4: Exigences relatives aux ressuscitateurs actionnés par  
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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10651-4:2002), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- clarified scope to include flow-inflating bag and self-inflating bag *resuscitators* and also indicated that the requirements include specified *accessories*;
- updated normative references and defined terms;
- specified test conditions;
- specified calculation and disclosure of measurement uncertainty;
- harmonized storage and operating environmental conditions;
- added requirements for *shelf-life* and *expected lifetime*;
- harmonized *information supplied by the manufacturer* with ISO 20417 and ISO 15223-1;
- added requirements for the oxygen inlet connector;
- clarified ventilatory testing requirements;
- clarified *delivered oxygen concentration* performance requirements;
- added *processing* requirements;

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- added *biocompatibility* requirements; and
- added *usability* requirements.

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## Introduction

In this document, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

In this document, the following print types are used:

- requirements and definitions: roman type;
- *terms defined in this document: italic type;*
- informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” indicates a possibility or a capability;
- “must” indicates an external constraint.

[Annex A](#) contains rationale or guidance to some of the requirements in this document.

[Annex B](#) contains a guide to the *marking* and *labelling* requirements in this document.

[Annex C](#) contains a summary of the *symbols* referenced in this document.

Requirements in this document have been decomposed so that each requirement is uniquely delineated. This is done to support automated requirements tracking.





# Lung ventilators —

## Part 4: Particular requirements for user-powered resuscitators

### 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for *user-powered resuscitators* intended for use with all age groups and which are intended to provide *lung* ventilation to *patients* whose breathing is inadequate. *User-powered resuscitators* are designated according to ideal body mass range.

Example *user-powered resuscitators* include:

- self-inflating bag *resuscitators* intended to be squeezed by the *user's* hand and refilled by elastic recoil; and

NOTE 1 Self-inflating bag *resuscitators* are generally *transit-operable* and can be used in a wide range of environmental and emergency situations.

- flow-inflating bag *resuscitators* intended to be squeezed by the *user's* hand and refilled by a flow from a medical gas source.

This document is also applicable to those *accessories* that are intended for use with *resuscitators* where the characteristics of those *accessories* can affect the *safety* of the *user-powered resuscitator*.

Examples of such *accessories* include *face masks*, *PEEP* valves, capnometric indicators, manometers, metronomes, flow restrictors, filters, gas refill valves, oxygen gas mixers, connectors, electronic feedback devices, electronic sensors and transmission of data to other equipment.

This document is also applicable to point-of-use packaging.

This document does not specify the requirements for:

- gas-powered emergency resuscitators, which are given in ISO 10651-5;
- electrically-powered resuscitators;
- gas powered resuscitators for *professional healthcare facilities*; and
- anaesthetic reservoir bags, which are given in ISO 5362.

NOTE 2 This document has been prepared to address the relevant *essential principles*<sup>[24]</sup> and labelling<sup>[25]</sup> guidances of the International Medical Devices Regulators Forum (IMDRF) as indicated in [Annex D](#).

NOTE 3 This document has been prepared to address the relevant *essential principles of safety and performance* of ISO 16142-1:2016 as indicated in [Annex E](#).

NOTE 4 This document has been prepared to address the relevant general safety and performance requirements of European regulation (EU) 2017/745<sup>[23]</sup> as indicated in [Annex F](#).

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

## ISO 10651-4:2023(E)

ISO 5356-1:2015, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors — Part 1: Cones and sockets*

ISO 10993-1:2018, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 11195:2018, *Gas mixers for medical use — Stand-alone gas mixers*

ISO 14937:2009, *Sterilization of health care products — General requirements for characterization of a sterilizing agent and the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 14971:2019, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

ISO 17664-1:2021, *Processing of health care products — Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices — Part 1: Critical and semi-critical medical devices*

ISO 17664-2:2021, *Processing of health care products — Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices — Part 2: Non-critical medical devices*

ISO 18562-1:2017, *Biocompatibility evaluation of breathing gas pathways in healthcare applications — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 20417:2021, *Medical devices — Information to be supplied by the manufacturer*

ISO 23328-1:2003, *Breathing system filters for anaesthetic and respiratory use — Part 1: Salt test method to assess filtration performance*

ISO 23328-2:2002, *Breathing system filters for anaesthetic and respiratory use — Part 2: Non-filtration aspects*

ISO 80369-2:—,<sup>1)</sup> *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 2: Connectors for breathing systems and driving gases applications*

IEC 60068-2-31:2008, *Environmental testing — Part 2-31: Tests — Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

IEC 62366-1:2015+AMD1:2020, *Medical devices — Part 1: Application of usability engineering to medical devices*

IEC 62570:2014, *Standard practice for marking medical devices and other items for safety in the magnetic resonance environment*

IEC Guide 115:2021, *Application of uncertainty of measurement to conformity assessment activities in the electrotechnical sector*

EN 13544-2:2002+AMD1:2009, *Respiratory therapy equipment - Part 2: Tubing and connectors*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

NOTE For convenience, an alphabetized index of terms and their sources used in this document is found at the end of this document.

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### 3.1 accessory

item, intended specifically by its *manufacturer*, to be used together with one or more *medical devices* to specifically enable or assist those *medical devices* to be used in accordance with their *intended use*

Note 1 to entry: An *accessory* is typically a consumable or separate item for use with one or more *medical devices*.

Note 2 to entry: Some *authorities having jurisdiction* consider an *accessory* to be a *medical device*.

Note 3 to entry: Some *authorities having jurisdiction* have a different definition of *accessory*.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.1]

### 3.2 accompanying information

information accompanying or *marked* on a *medical device* or *accessory* for the *user* or those accountable for the installation, use, *processing*, maintenance, decommissioning and disposal of the *medical device* or *accessory*, particularly regarding safe use

Note 1 to entry: The *accompanying information* shall be regarded as part of the *medical device* or *accessory*.

Note 2 to entry: The *accompanying information* can consist of the *label*, *marking*, *instructions for use*, *technical description*, installation manual, quick reference guide, etc.

Note 3 to entry: *Accompanying information* is not necessarily a written or printed document but could involve auditory, visual, or tactile materials and multiple media types (e.g. CD/DVD-ROM, USB stick, website).

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.2, modified — deleted notes 4 to 7.]

### 3.3 airway pressure

pressure at the *patient-connection port*, relative to ambient pressure unless otherwise specified

Note 1 to entry: In addition to its direct reference, this term or its symbol  $P_{aw}$ , displayed in various character styles, is only used, in context or by qualification, to designate this concept as a measured quantity.

Note 2 to entry: The site(s) of actual measurement(s) may be anywhere in the *ventilator breathing system*, providing that the indicated value is referenced to that at the *patient-connection port*.

Note 3 to entry: This is the generic term for this fundamental concept. Post-coordinated terms, for example, peak inspiratory pressure and baseline *airway pressure*, are used in particular contexts.

Note 4 to entry: Although providing no explicit indication as to where along the *patient's* airway this pressure is measured, this term, along with its symbol, has become widely adopted as referencing the pressure at the point at which *artificial ventilation* equipment is connected to the *patient's* airway or to an *airway device*. This is the final site where a common and replicable pressure can be continuously monitored, conveniently, before breathing gas enters the *patient*.

Note 5 to entry: A pressure measured in the *patient's* airway at a site other than at the *patient-connection port* is referred to in this document as a respiratory pressure.

[SOURCE: ISO 19223:2019, 3.6.1 modified — deleted notes 6 and 7.]

### 3.4 atmospheric temperature and pressure ATP

expressed at ambient atmospheric pressure and temperature

### 3.5 bag inlet valve

<self-inflating bag *resuscitator*> valve activated by the sub-atmospheric pressure in the *compressible unit* of the *resuscitator* to refill the *compressible unit* with gas at ambient pressure

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2022, 3.6.1.3.1, modified — added context.]

### 3.6

#### **bag refill valve**

<self-inflating bag *resuscitator*> *accessory* valve activated by the sub-atmospheric pressure in the *compressible unit* of the *resuscitator* to refill the *compressible unit* from a pressurized oxygen source

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2022, 3.6.1.3.2, modified — added context and *accessory*, replaced 'gas' with 'oxygen' and deleted 'with no manual trigger'.]

### 3.7

#### **BAP**

quantity by which the baseline *airway pressure* is set to be positively offset from the ambient pressure

[SOURCE: ISO 19223:2019, 3.10.2, modified — deleted notes.]

### 3.8

#### **biocompatibility**

ability to be in contact with a living system without producing an unacceptable adverse effect

Note 1 to entry: Medical devices may produce some level of adverse effect, but that level may be determined to be acceptable when considering the benefits provided by the medical device.

[SOURCE: ISO 18562-1:2017, 3.2]

### 3.9

#### **breathing system filter**

#### **BSF**

device intended to reduce transmission of particulates, including microorganisms, in a breathing system

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2022, 3.6.1.5]

### 3.10

#### **cleaning**

removal of contaminants to the extent necessary for further *processing* or for *intended use*

Note 1 to entry: *Cleaning* consists of the removal, usually with detergent and water, of adherent soil (e.g. blood, protein substances, and other debris) from the surfaces, crevices, serrations, joints, and lumens of a *medical device* by a manual or automated *process* that prepares the items for safe handling or further *processing*.

[SOURCE: ISO 17664-1:2021, 3.1]

### 3.11

#### **clearly legible**

capable of being read by a person with normal vision

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.4]

### 3.12

#### **compressible unit**

part of a *user-powered resuscitator* e.g. a bag or bellows that, when squeezed by the *user*, delivers a volume of gas

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2022, 3.4.1.11, modified —replaced 'compressed' by 'squeezed'.]

### 3.13

#### **delivered oxygen concentration**

concentration of oxygen in the gas delivered to a *patient*

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2022, 3.1.1.14, modified —deleted example.]

**3.14****disinfection**

*process* to reduce the number of viable microorganisms to a level previously specified as being appropriate for a defined purpose

[SOURCE: ISO 17664-1:2021, 3.3]

**3.15****e-documentation**

any form of electronically accessible *information supplied by the manufacturer* related to a *medical device* or *accessory*

EXAMPLE CD/DVD-ROM, USB stick, website.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.6, modified —deleted note 1.]

**3.16****essential principles****essential principles of safety and performance**

fundamental high-level requirements that when complied with ensure a medical device is safe and performs as intended

[SOURCE: ISO 16142-1:2016, 3.3]

**3.17****exhaust port**

*port* of the medical equipment or device from which gas is discharged to the atmosphere during *normal use*, either directly or via an anaesthetic gas scavenging system

Note 1 to entry: A *resuscitator* may have more than one *exhaust port*.

[SOURCE: ISO 19223:2019, 3.14.2, modified —added note.]

**3.18****expected lifetime**

time period specified by the *manufacturer* during which the *medical device* or *accessory* is expected to remain safe and effective for use

Note 1 to entry: The *expected lifetime* can be affected by the *stability*.

Note 2 to entry: Maintenance, repairs or upgrades (e.g. *safety* or cybersecurity modifications) can be necessary during the *expected lifetime*.

Note 3 to entry: Some *medical devices* have an absolute lifetime (e.g. 5 years), whereas other *medical devices* (e.g. software) have a relative lifetime (e.g. the time between two major releases).

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.7]

**3.19****expiratory phase**

interval from the start of expiratory flow to the start of inspiratory flow within a respiratory cycle

[SOURCE: ISO 19223:2019, 3.4.2, modified — deleted notes.]

**3.20****forward leakage**

volume of gas produced by the *resuscitator* during the *inflation phase* which does not pass through the *patient-connection port* to the *patient* but passes to the atmosphere

### 3.21

#### gas pathway

interior surfaces, over which gases or liquids that can be inspired, in a medical device bounded by the ports through which gases or liquids enter and leave the medical device including the *patient* interface or the interior surfaces of *enclosures* that are in contact with gases or liquids that can be inspired

Note 1 to entry: *Patient* contact surfaces such as the outer surfaces of a tracheal tube or the cushion of a *mask* are evaluated according to the ISO 10993 series.

EXAMPLE 1 The *ventilator breathing system*, inlet filter, gas mixer, blower and internal piping.

EXAMPLE 2 Enclosed chamber of an incubator including the mattress or the inner surface of an oxygen hood.

EXAMPLE 3 The inner surfaces of breathing tubes, tracheal tubes or *masks* and mouthpieces.

[SOURCE: ISO 18562-1:2017, 3.5]

### 3.22

#### harm

injury or damage to the health of people, or damage to property or the environment

[SOURCE: ISO 14971:2019, 3.3]

### 3.23

#### hazard

potential source of *harm*

[SOURCE: ISO 14971:2019, 3.4]

### 3.24

#### hazardous situation

circumstance in which people, property or the environment is/are exposed to one or more *hazards*

[SOURCE: ISO 14971:2019, 3.5, modified — deleted note 1.]

### 3.25

#### inflation phase

interval from the start of the rise in *airway pressure* resulting from the initiation of an inflation to the start of the expiratory flow resulting from its termination

[SOURCE: ISO 19223:2019, 3.4.10, modified — deleted notes.]

### 3.26

#### information supplied by the manufacturer

information related to the identification and use of a *medical device* or *accessory*, in whatever form provided, intended to ensure the safe and effective use of the *medical device* or *accessory*

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, *e-documentation* is included in *information supplied by the manufacturer*.

Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document, shipping documents and promotional material are excluded from *information supplied by the manufacturer*. However, some *authorities having jurisdiction* can consider such supplemental information as *information supplied by the manufacturer*.

Note 3 to entry: The primary purpose of *information supplied by the manufacturer* is to identify the *medical device* and its *manufacturer*, and provide essential information about its *safety*, performance, and appropriate use to the *user* or other relevant persons.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.10, modified — deleted note 4.]

**3.27****inspiratory time** $t_i$ duration of an *inflation phase* or inspiratory phase

[SOURCE: ISO 19223:2019, 3.4.8, modified — deleted notes.]

**3.28****instructions for use****IFU**portion of the *accompanying information* that is essential for the safe and effective use of a *medical device* or *accessory* directed to the *user* of the *medical device*Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, a *user* can be either a *lay user* or professional *user* with relevant specialized training.Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document, instructions for the professional *processing* between uses of a *medical device* or *accessory* can be included in the *instructions for use*.Note 3 to entry: The *instructions for use*, or portions thereof, can be located on the display of a *medical device* or *accessory*.Note 4 to entry: *Medical devices* or *accessories* that can be used safely and effectively without *instructions for use* are exempted from having *instructions for use* by some *authorities having jurisdiction*.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.11, modified — deleted note 5.]

**3.29****intake**

opening through which gas or other material is drawn by a sub-ambient pressure

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2022, 3.1.4.27]

**3.30****intended use**use for which a product, *process* or service is intended according to the specifications, instructions and information provided by the *manufacturer*

[SOURCE: ISO 14971:2019, 3.6]

**3.31****label**<*medical device, accessory*> written, printed, or graphic information appearing on the item itself, on the packaging of each item or on the packaging of multiple itemsNote 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, the term *labelled* is used to designate the corresponding act.Note 2 to entry: *Label* includes the *marking* on the *medical device* or *accessory*.

Note 3 to entry: For the purposes of this document, information indicated on a graphical user interface (GUI) is considered as appearing on the item.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.12, modified — deleted note 4.]

**3.32****lung**each of the pair of compliant organs within the ribcage (thorax), bounded by the terminal bronchiole and the visceral pleura, which during *ventilation* provide gas/blood interfaces that enable oxygen from the gas to pass into the blood and carbon dioxide to be removedNote 1 to entry: In specific reference to the pair of these organs, in this document the inflection '*lungs*' is used.